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Grulla Whim-Whams,

Editor Herald, July 6, 1903 .-Since my last letter to you, we have had three good rains. The first was on the 26th of last month. It lasted 50 minutes, was very hard, and was accompanied by incessant lighting, and such a varied assortment of lightning, as I have

The second rain was on the 1st. of this month, late in the evening. The rain was heavy, but didn't last der for sale in quantities to suit long, and went off the S. and S. E. When off there, there was a very fine display of lighting. It seemed to be behind the clouds, and looked as if gleaming through an opalescent shade.

abundance of rain. I expect that Bro., the new settlers will come to the conclusion that the old inhabitants have been "yarning" when they three a cycle of wet years.

very temperate, singularly cool for churches, the largest cotton crop, this county. There have been some the greatest tonnage of forage crops, close, sultry days, but the ther- the largest number of fine cattle, momether has never passed 98°

the 15th, to the 23rd, of June. My Texas Stockman and Farmer. English friend and I, have been marvelling why these rises haven't reached us. To-day my old friend Rumaldo (who is my barber) brought me news of the river. It is rising, and began last evening. Rumaldo says that the current is very swift, and the water very clear, a sure sign that it has come from afar. If it is really the El Paso rise, then it will keep up for several days, and may go higher than the June rise I hope not. Twill give a chance to bring Closner's an then she ascent me if I didn't beat down from Carrizo.

The arrovo del Saus was booming last Monday and Tuesday. On for lyin', an' when I said 'no,' ma the latter day Don Mignel Pena. licked me for not being polite. A our tax-assesor, was crossing in a boy don't seem to have any chance skiff, In some way the skiff upset at all - Chicago Evening Post and Mr. Peña was thrown into the water. Being unable to swim, he was nearly drowned. Fortunately the ferryman and a spectator, managed to come to the rescue.

People are goiting ready to plant again, and quite a large acreage will be put in. A nice lot of cotton was planted, and it is doing finely. I hear that Mr. Manuel Guerra, of Roma, will put up a cotton-gin, either at Rio Grande City, or Roma. There is some talk that he and Shely will, next year, import a lot of cotton seed, for free distribution. This will be a good thing.

Judging from the last numbers of your paper, that song that our Brownsville,

& soldiers were so fond of singing, in Cuba, will be a favorite in your town? I am waiting for the 15th. with anxiety. I what to see if work will begin then-or if a postponement comes. There are , some people in this county that seem suspicious of Col. Lott. I don't know him, so I can give no opinion.

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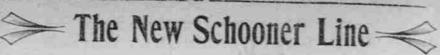
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